COUNTY TO REPAIR TREE DAMAGE

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The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their August 21st meeting:

• The Board approved a contract for curb and sidewalk repairs at various locations in the unincorporated area of the county in northwest Chino and southwest Montclair. Over time, large trees have caused damage to the sidewalks, curbs, gutters and roads in the area. As a result, the county will complete a project that includes removing the damage causing trees, replacing the damaged curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and repairing the roadways. Work is expected to begin in early September.

"Extensive damage has occurred in this neighborhood as result of these trees," said Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar. "It is necessary that we remove them and fully repair all the damage they have created."

• The Board adopted a new policy regarding the use of Sheriff's Department aircraft for county related business.

"It is very important that the Sheriff's aircraft be used for the benefit of county taxpayers, and that its primary mission is law enforcement," stated Board Chairman Fred Aguiar. "The new policy simply makes this clear, and is another example of the Board's commitment to good stewardship of county resources."

The policy approved today sets forth standards to ensure that when Sheriff's Department aircraft is utilized by county personnel it will be for official business and will not interfere with law enforcement needs. It also requires that the use of the aircraft be cost effective and serve the best interests of the county. The Sheriff's Department will keep written records for three years of all passengers who use the aircraft and their purpose in using it. This information will be made available to the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Office, and members of the public upon request and consistent with the Freedom of Information Act.